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SANTA WAVES to the Crowd as Mrs. Claus shields her eyes from the bright Valley sun after their arrival by air from the North Pole on Dec. 9. From the airport, they led a parade through the Village to the Community Center where the jolly couple listened to Christmas wishes from good little girls and boys. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

CVPOA Supports Citizens In Village Criteria Dispute

By Stan Hall

With support from the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA), a citizens' advisory group will challenge a design criteria plan for the Village that it believes was unilaterally imposed by the Planning Commission and its staff.

Expressing its own frustration at the county planning process, the CVPOA board of directors voted unanimously Dec. 13 to support the advisory group which spent two years drafting a document only to see it dramatically altered in the final phases of preparation.

A resolution offered by Rod Mills stipulated that CVPOA Chairman Max Chaplin would appear before the Board of Supervisors whenever it takes up the design criteria. He was authorized to support the rewriting of the document as suggested by the citizens' group and also to express CVPOA's concern with the processes used by the Planning Commission and staff.

In a lively discussion, several CVPOA directors suggested that the treatment of the five-member group appointed to write detailed guidelines for future development in the Village was part of a recurring pattern.

Treasurer Ileene Crane-Franks said the advisory panels which worked on the Carmel Valley Master Plan and an area plan for Cachagua similarly were ignored or at least not consulted by the Planning Commission and staff when final decisions were being made.

"It is a flawed process," agreed Allan Sandstrum, a member of the permanent Lower Carmel Advisory Committee which makes recommendations to the Planning Commission on matters in its region.

The CVPOA board acted after Roger Williams, a member of the citizens' panel, explained how the Planning Commission approved the rewritten criteria on Nov. 29 even as he and Peter Coakley waited to speak against the changes that had been made. They were not allowed to comment publicly because the Commission was operating under closed rules, and they did not receive a copy of the final document until after the Commission had approved it.

Williams told the *Sun* that his group would oppose at least some of the changes that had been made when the Board of Supervisors take up the criteria for final approval.

"Because of everyone's busy schedule this time of year, we have agreed not to meet until after Christmas. At that time, we will analyze the document that the Planning Commission approved, compare it to our draft document and develop our strategy."

Earlier, Williams called the Planning Commission document "toothless," and he left no doubt that he still felt that way after comparing the two documents. As an example of the changes that were made, Williams cited a section on what should happen to the property now occupied by the Village airport when it is no longer operational.

He said the advisory group spelled out strict limits on the kind and extent of development which could take place on the property while the Planning Commission's version "merely makes suggestions as to what should happen."

The document approved by the Planning Commission normally would have then gone to the Board of Supervisors for routine final approval. But after the group's objections became known, consideration by the Supervisors was put on hold. There is no indication at present when the matter will come before the Supervisors.

Williams said he had conferred with 5th District Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman who was sympathetic to the citizen's complaints.

Mrs. Strasser Kauffman told the *Sun*: "I can guarantee you the advisory committee

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POLITICKIN' WITH SANTA is Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman. See pages 12 and 13 for more Christmas parade pictures. *Sun photo by Stan Hall*

To Benefit the Pathways

Tickets Go on Sale for Gala Village Affair Fundraiser

Tickets are now on sale for the Village Affair, a Jan. 15 fundraiser to support the Village pathway project which will feature entertainment, auctions, prizes and a chance to sample the best food that more than 20 local restaurants can offer.

The party will be held at Los Laureles Lodge from 5-8 p.m, and only 500 tickets will be sold, organizers said. A $25 per person donation is the price of admittance, with each person attending receiving a commemorative wine glass as a special gift.

Tickets are available at all food establishments in the Village and at Los Laureles Lodge.

Proceeds go to benefit the pathway project which is sponsored by the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee. With the help of local businesses, it already has raised more than $21,000 to provide safe pedestrian walkways through the Village.

The next major extension is planned from Chambers Lane to Village Drive, in front of Wills Fargo, Oak Deli and Carmel Valley Floors. Eventually, the committee wants to provide paved walkways from Rippling River and the Post Office to the east, through the village to the Community Center and Ford Road.

An unusual feature of the live auction being planned for the event will be the chance to purchase the services of one of the area's top chefs for one meal prepared in the winning bidders' home.

The live auction, to be conducted by David Armanasco, will also feature the sale of several exciting vacation trips, including one to Sun Valley, Idaho, for skiing, a stay at a tennis clinic in Scottsdale, and mid-winter visits to Hawaii and Mexico. Stays at top resort hotels nearer to Carmel Valley also will be auctioned.

One of the organizers, Peter Coakley, said the group has received almost enough major donated items to fill the live auction, but still needs help from local businesses with smaller donations for a silent auction.

"Anyone wishing to help this very worthwhile effort with a donation of a gift valued at least $50 retail should telephone Noreen Hadley at 375-6668," Coakley said.

All of the major restaurants in the Village as well as many delis and caterers will be serving their specialities during the Affair, and several county wineries will be pouring during the evening.

Popular singing deputy sheriff Pat Duval will entertain before the start of the auction, which will be held in a large tent loaned to the committee for the evening by Quail Lodge.

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LETTERS

Arbitrary, Arrogant, Capricious Planners

The arbitrary, capricious and arrogant manner in which the Monterey County Planning Commission and its staff on November 29 overrode and ignored two years of diligent work by a Carmel Valley citizens committee on design criteria for the Village is outrageously unacceptable.

The committee was not given advance copies of the planning staff's revision of its work it was not allowed to comment concerning the drastic revisions at the "closed" commission hearing; and it was effectively, and apparently deliberately, removed from the entire process.

The citizens committee of five Valley civic leaders was appointed by the Board of Supervisors. In six months it was asked to study and provide guidelines for the future development of the Village area...design criteria, colors, building heights, pathways, external lighting, fences, parking, and landscaping. The job took two years of careful, thoughtful research and drafting. It involved citizen input through many public meetings.

Yet county planners, without consultation, so altered the guideline document that it became, in the words of the committee, "toothless." It has now gone to the Board of Supervisors for its approval, an approval that will be strongly and vigorously opposed by an aroused Village citizenry that wants and demands a better voice in planning its own destiny.

R.T. and Shirley W. Nimmons
Carmel Valley

Hatton Canyon Proposal

Whether Hatton Canyon Freeway is built, it would not be completed for several years. Why live with the current mess any longer? Whatever the final outcome, the following could be done inexpensively, yielding significant relief.

1. Relane Highway 1 from Carmel Valley Rd. to Morse Dr. to 3 lanes (2 northbound) without shoulders. Forbid bicycle traffic.

2. Add lane markers at Highway 1/Carmel Valley Rd. intersection so westbound Carmel Valley traffic can turn right without stopping.

3. Prohibit left turns from Highway 1 to Mesa Dr.

4. Add turning lanes at Atherton Dr. and South Carmel Hills Dr.

5. Install temporary signal (for peak traffic hours only) for left turns from Highway 1 to Carmel Valley Rd., doing away with the "boulevard stop" situation as northbound Highway 1 traffic stops for cars turning. leftr Limit left turn light to 20/30 cars.

6. Synchronize signals on Rio Rd. When Highway 1 intersection is green for east/west through traffic, the other 2 signals (giving acess to/from "Crossroads") would also be green. Only when Highway 1 intersection is red (for east/west through traffic) could the 2 signals permit "Crossroads" access/exit.

7. Rework Highway 1/Rio Rd. sensors to provide greatest "cost benefit" trafficwise for all traffic.

8. Add temporary second left turn lane on Highway 1 southbound at Rio Rd with lane markers through intersection.

9. Temporarily extend right turn lane on Highway 1 (south of Rio Rd.).

10 For traffic traveling east on Rio Rd. and turning north onto Highway 1, put lane markers through intersection. Extend them north to Carmel Valley Rd. on Rio Rd., westbound, make outside lane a continuous right turn with lane markers through intersection. This lane (on Highway 1) should have signs "Through traffic merge left and "Carmel Valley Only."

Paul H. Ernest
Carmel

Fire Victims Thankful

My husband, Tim, and I are the couple who lost our home to fire at Mid Valley. We have been touched by the help and support of so many. We would like to take this opportunity to voice our thanks and appreciation to the following:

- To our fellow tenants, friends and neighbors who from the onset of the blaze offered comfort and shelter;
- To the police and Highway Patrol who attempted to keep onlookers and the curious out of the way of the people trying to save our home;
- To Mid Valley Fire Department, which listened to our pleas and managed miraculously to save some valuables trapped in our storeroom, along with invaluable items such as our wedding pictures. Their professionalism and sensitivity will never be forgotten;
- To the Carmel Red Cross, which offered financial as well as emotional support;
- Special thanks to Teri Tod, our friend and manager of Mid Valley Garden Homes, who along with a handful of loving tenants, tirelessly sorted through to dig out treasures we thought gone forever. They made it possible for me not have to go back and see for myself all that was lost;
- To Monterey United Methodist Church, for all its caring concern and more than generous contribution;
- Lastly, to our families for their love and support and shelter in these more than trying times. This year, as we sat down to Thanksgiving dinner, we thanked God for all that we had, and I realized, perhaps for the first time, that we are truly blessed.

Beth Wilsey-Culbertson
Carmel

Fire Chief Speaks Out

The Carmel Valley Fire Protection District has recently received considerable hard-line criticism for its attempts to conduct a structural training burn in the area of Carmel Valley known as La Rancheria. While the criticism was primarily from one individual, it was never the less well publicized, very degrading, demoralizing to our volunteers and totally without merit.

We have subsequently conducted the structural training burn as we said we would, without incident and completely within the planned parameters which we had carefully explained to our critic prior to the event. We have received many compliments from the owners and the other nearby neighbors for our handling of this matter both prior to and during the event. Most importantly, the owner's property as well as the entire neighborhood was not ravaged, denuded, or damaged by the fire as was claimed would be the case by our critic.

I would like to publicly and personally thank the owner, Mr. Charles Hawley, for his confidence in our fire department and his courage to stick with his personal belief in the fire department even in the face of ugly name-calling and legal threats by his neighbor, our critic. I would also like to thank Ms. Sue Chelone, president of the La Rancheria Homeowners Association, as well as the entire homeowners group for their willingness to retain an open mind, hear out the fire department's plan, and decide their position based on the facts rather than on wild, hysterical and nonsensical projections of bedlam in a blazing inferno. The homeowners demonstrated their faith in the fire department and trust in our ability to do the job we are here to do by deciding not to oppose the burn project.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board of Directors of the Carmel Valley Fire Protection District and all the members of the Carmel Valley Fire Protection District staff and volunteers for their professionalism, their attention to duty and their commitment to excellence.

Our Board of Directors faced our critic, weighed the factual considerations of his plea against the staff plan proposed to conduct the training and courageously decided in favor of our conducting the training burn in spite of a wide variety of threats. Our staff and volunteers responded proudly and professionally in spite of our critic's claims of ignorance and incompetence, handling themselves in the skilled and dedicated manner which I have learned to expect of them.

I congratulate the various firefighters who took part in our exercise from several area fire departments for a job well done. All of the 60 or more firefighters who participated did an outstanding job for us and we look forward to having the opportunity to work with them again at our next structural training burn.

Robert V. Heald, Fire Chief
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Water District Warning

Dry Weather Makes It Tougher To Meet Rationing Requirements

Many people are having difficulty meeting their rationing goals for November and December, the Water Management District advised at a press conference last week. Because of the exceptionally dry weather, water customers who have achieved their 20 percent cutback all year long may now be exceeding their allotment. "Unless you've been checking your water meter regularly, you may not be aware of the problem," advised Water Board chairman Dick Heuer.

The community as a whole achieved only a 13 percent reduction in water use during November, the water district advised. This compares with an average reduction of about 30 percent per month during the previous ten months of rationing. "The exceptionally dry December may make it even worse," Heuer fears. "Until now, we have been extremely pleased with the amount of water the community has saved. The weather is now being most uncooperative, however. It's causing people to want to do much more landscape watering that normal for this time of year," Heuer said.

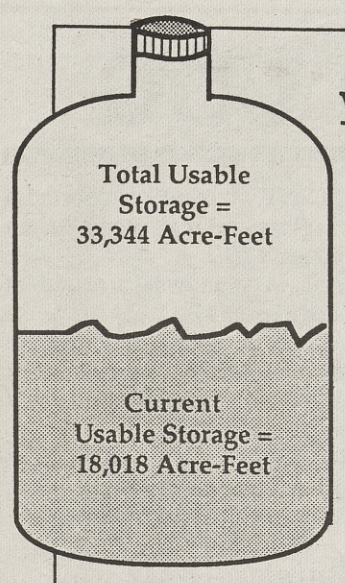
The Peninsula had only three days of rain in November. This compares with six days in November 1987 and 12 days in November 1988. So far in December of this year, there has been no rain at all. This compares very unfavorably with 16 rainy days in December 1987 and 11 days with rain in December 1988.

"We're alerting people to this now, because we don't want them to be surprised when they receive a letter from the rationing office. We don't like having to send out those letters, and I'm sure people don't like receiving them. Hopefully, this warning will enable some people to avoid it," Heuer added.

The water district has asked the local press to help clear up some confusion among the public about the base year that is used to calculate rationing requirements. The base year now runs from October 1987 through September 1988. The water district compares current water use with water use during the same period of the base year to determine if the 20 percent cutback has been achieved.

In other words, December 1989 water use should be compared with December 1987 (not 1988). In January 1990, the comparison will be with January 1988 (not January 1989, as rationing was already in effect then).

Cal-Am Water Co. bills cover a two-month period. When a customer exceeds the rationing limit for a billing period, the water district rationing office sends out a warning letter. If the customer is in compliance for the next billing period, there is no penalty. If rationing limits are exceeded two billing periods in a row, however, a fine is levied. Amount of the fine increases rapidly with the amount of excess water used, and some fines have been very large.



MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER STORAGE REPORT

As of December 13, 1989

	Total Usable Storage (Acre-Feet)	Current Usable Storage (Acre-Feet)	% of Usable Storage
Reservoirs:			
Los Padres	1,967	1,058	54
San Clemente	131	120	92
Ground Water Basins:			
Upper Carmel Valley	6,531	6,414	98
Lower Carmel Valley	20,015	8,422	42
Seaside Coastal	4,700	2,004	43
TOTAL	33,344	18,018	54

NOTES:

- *A minimum of 30,700 acre-feet of usable storage would be required to consider ending mandatory rationing in December.*
- *Usable Storage as of December 1, 1988 was 16,950 Acre-Feet.*

OFFICIAL FIGURES FROM THE
• MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT •

Sherrie May Heads Valley Park District

The Carmel Valley Recreation and Park District has elected Sherrie May, a longtime Valley resident, president for the 1990 calendar year.

Ms. May of Panetta Road replaces Chuck McKay who served in 1989. Also elected at the Dec. 13 meeting were: Ron Levora, vice president, Randy Randazzo, secretary, and McKay, treasurer. Carl Johnston continues as the fifth member. All members were uncontested in the November election.

District meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Activities House, 25 Ford Road. The public is invited.

Water Board Meets Dec. 21 in PG

The Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District will hold a Continued Board Meeting at 7 p.m., Dec. 21, at the Robert Down School Auditorium, 485 Pine Avenue, Pacific Grove, to consider items not addressed at its Dec. 4 meeting.

Audubon Schedules Annual Bird Count

Monterey's 1989 Christmas Bird Count will be held Dec. 27 with a countdown dinner following at St. Mary's-By-The-Sea Episcopal Church Parish Hall in Pacific Grove. The post-count dinner is free for all participants compliments of the Monterey Peninsula Audubon Society but counters are urged to bring their own beverages.

Positive Thoughts

Herman & Miriam Fickewirth

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VILLAGE. Oak Deli owner reported possible attempt to break in the front door. 12/5.
CROSSROADS. Two ladies sweater suits valued at $1230 were shoplifted by two women who distracted the clerk at The Country Store. 12/7.
CARMEL VALLEY RANCH. A video camera and charger were reported taken from the pro shop some time during the past month. 12/8.

Suspicious Solicitation

VILLAGE. A woman reported a suspicious person soliciting Toys for Tots donations. 12/8.
VILLAGE. Tularcitos Day Care School reported a woman failed to pick up her son at closing time—an event that was becoming more commonplace. 12/8.
BARNYARD. Hudson & Co. reported the theft of a $500 leather jacket from the store. 12/8.
VILLAGE. A Salinas man was arrested for public drunkenness after a fight at the Tin Lizzie. Deputies said the other man in the fight was gone when they arrived. 12/8.

Double Trouble

VILLAGE. Man jailed for public drunkenness after a fight at the Tin Lizzie reported all four tires on his car were slashed as it sat overnight in the Village. Deputies were searching for the other man in the fight. 12/9.
VILLAGE. A Pacific Grove man was arrested for public drunkenness outside the Running Iron. 12/9.
YANKEE POINT. A resident reported a possible burglary taking place at an abandoned house. 12/10.
HIGHWAY 1. A man was arrested at Longs for shoplifting. 12/11.
VILLAGE. Baum & Blume reported the loss of a redwood planter from in front of the business and asked deputies to keep a closer eye on the area. 12/12.
MARQUARD ROAD. A woman reported returning to her home and finding lights on inside which had not been on when she left. 12/12.

Burglars Busy

LAURELES GRADE. A man reported a burglary at his home during which a VCR, coins and jewelry were taken. 12/13.
CARMEL VALLEY ROAD. A man reported a burglary in which money, a TV and a VCR were taken. He placed the value at $1150. 12/13.
VILLAGE. Two potted plants were reported stolen from in front of Iron Kettle Restaurant. 12/13.

Valley Women to Meet

The Carmel Valley Women's Club will hold its first meeting of 1990 at Carmel Mission Inn, Rio Road, Jan. 3. Dick Bovard will present a program on Saudi Arabia. Hospitality is at 11:30 a.m. and lunch, 12:30 p.m. The club welcomes new members who should contact Ann Marshall, 659-5449.

Measure B Survives Recount

A recount gave Measure B a 5 vote victory in the Nov. 7 election, but Carmel Valley voted to reject the 1/2 cent sales tax increase.

The hand recount requested by the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association showed that the measure was approved by a 5 vote margin out of nearly 42,000 ballots cast. The recount tally was 21,284 to 21,279. The initial vote count showed the measure won by 11 votes.

North County and Salinas voted for the proposal by about the same margins that the Peninsula and South County voted against it. In Carmel Valley, the proposal was defeated 1,581 to 1,467.

A major provision of the proposal was funding of $123 million for a Highway 101 bypass at Prunedale. The North County, which will benefit most heavily from the bypass, voted for Measure B by 62 percent.

The proposal also contained funding of $25.6 million for the extension of the four-lane portion of Carmel Valley Road to Robinson Canyon Road. But that project, which got a cool reception at its first public hearing, apparently did not sway many Valley voters to favor the proposal.

Measure B will become effective April 1, adding 1/2 cent to the county sales tax. It was designed to raise $335 million over its 20-year lifetime. The taxpayer group paid $1,520 for the recount.

Robbery-Beatings Yield Few Leads

Sheriff's investigators report few leads in the search for two men who savagely beat an elderly man and his wife during a robbery at their Valley home.

Robert Young, 80, and his wife Santinna, 41, both were hospitalized for a week with injuries suffered in the Dec. 7 incident. A spokesman for Community Hospital said they were released Dec. 15.

They were attacked by two men wielding a four-foot metal bar and some type of club as they sat watching television in their home on Encina in the evening.

Investigators said Mrs. Young identified the attackers as black man and a Hispanic man. They added that the Youngs appeared to be chance victims rather than a deliberately selected target. But they were at a loss to explain the savagery of the beatings.

PG Man Charged In Five More Holdups

A Pacific Grove man, arrested on suspicion of robbing a bank at the mouth of the Valley Dec. 1, has been charged with five other bank robberies on the Peninsula and in San Jose.

The FBI said a complaint accusing Carmen A. Barbero, 40, of six counts of bank robbery was filed in U. S. District Court in San Jose following his arrest at his home on Dec. 4.

Barbero was traced through his car, which was abandoned outside San Francisco Federal Savings after he allegedly held it up by showing a teller a note threatening that he had a bomb. Authorities credit Peter Iverson, assistant manager who followed the robber outside the bank and into the parking lot, with causing the man to flee and leave his car behind.

The FBI said that an estimated total of $10,000 to $20,000 was taken in the six robberies. They were all ascribed to a man wearing a hat and sunglasses and carrying a valise in which he said he had a bomb. Agents said no firearm was used in any of the robberies.

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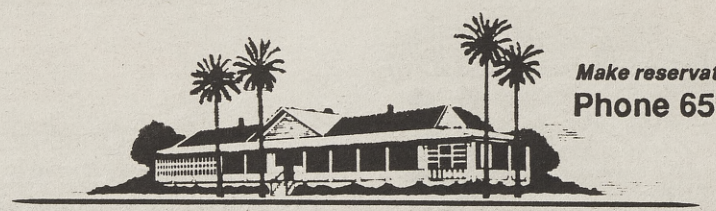
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CVPOA Sets Election

Fourteen candidates, seven of them incumbents, are seeking to fill eight seats on the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA) board of directors in elections in January.

"We have an outstanding group of candidates," President Max Chaplin said in announcing the names of the candidates. "They are younger, successful in their own fields, and clearly destined for leadership in our community. We are pleased that they seek positions on our board. There are more candidates than there are vacancies, and this gives members a choice of talents."

Balloting will be by mail to CVPOA's 1,274 members during January, with the ballots to be counted Feb. 1 by the group's nominating committee, which is chaired by Rod Mills.

New officers and directors will be installed at the CVPOA's annual meting which is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 15.

Five officers of the association are seeking re-election. They are Chaplin; Mills, who is vice president; Recording Secretary Jim Tritten; Corresponding Secretary Feesie Heuer; and, Treasurer Ileene Crane-Franks.

Running for positions on the board are two incumbents—Robert Greenwood, a retired teacher and geologist, and Vernon Juergens, a genetic and agricultural development specialist.

Other candidates include: John L. Freitas, executive director of the Carmel Foundation; Robert Hunsicker, retired manufacturer and chairman of the Los Tulares Homeowners Association; Ed Jones, president of the Asoleado Homeowners Association; Alice Kinsler, development director at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital Foundation; Lee Rieman, retired law enforcement officer; and, Reid Woodward, an investor, metalsmith and teacher.

Board members whose terms are expiring are R. T. Nimmons, Greenwood and Juergens. Nimmons, who is planning on leaving the area, has been on the board for nearly eight years and served two terms as CVPOA president.

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF SUPPLIES are loaded into a Red Cross van by Carmel River School students for delivery to victims in Watsonville. Essentially on their own, the students collected $612.50 and 20 cases of food. Students most instrumental in collecting the relief got to help load it up. Principal Sharron Douglas, shown behind the boxes, said those students included Heidi Crowley-Sutton, Michaela Hill, Justine McChesney, Brian Langslet, Meghan Lehman, Mieke Fortrie, Lynette Balisteri, Mark Flowers, Sandy Greenfield, Peter Jamison, Sasha Vorobiov and Clayton Morgan.

Seek Planning Advisors

The Monterey County Planning Commission is looking for people to serve on citizen advisory committees which handle land use matters in the Upper and Lower Carmel Valley areas, Greater Carmel and Highlands/Bixby.

Members must own property in the Advisory Committee area and be willing to devote a few hours each month to the committee's work, the commission said. They also should have some interest, background or knowledge of land use matters. The deadline for written applications is Dec. 29.

Applicants should write Robert Slimmon, Jr., director of the Monterey County Planning & Building Inspection Dept. P.O. Box 1208, Salinas, CA 93902.

Advisory Committees with vacancies include: Lower Carmel Valley Advisory Committee: generally bounded by the Aguajito and Hidden Hills area on the north, State Highway 1 on the west, Rancho San Carlos on the south, and Laureles Grade on the East; Upper Carmel Valley Advisory Committee: generally bounded by the Toro area on the north, Laureles grade on the west, the Tularcitos Rancho on the south, and Tularcitos Creek on the east; Greater Carmel: generally bounded by Del Monte Forest on the north, the City of Carmel and the Pacific Ocean on the west, Carmel River on the south and Highway 1 on the east; and Highlands/Bixby, generally bounded by the Carmel River on the north, the Pacific Ocean on the West, Bixby Creek on the south and extending 1 to 5 miles east from the Pacific Ocean.

Defibrillator Donations Wanted

Valley Volunteers, the fundraising arm of the Carmel Valley Volunteer Fire Department, has kicked off a drive to purchase semi-automatic defibrillators to upgrade emergency treatment for heart attack victims.

Lt. Jeff Trapp said the group would like to raise enough to purchase two of the units—one to be placed in the American Red Cross ambulance operated by the department and one by the fire chief.

"All it takes is just one life saved to more than pay for them," Trapp said.

The $6,000 defibrillators allow emergency crews to apply an electric shock to patients suffering from a heart attack to help restore a normal beat. The battery-powered machines sense the heart's rhythm and only allow it to be shocked if they detect a life-threatening beat.

The Valley fire department has been offering free ambulance service to the community for over 40 years. This service is provided in conjunction with the Carmel-by-the-Sea Red Cross Chapter which owns the ambulance. Department volunteers donate their time to respond to emergencies and also to keep in training so they will have the proper skills.

Trapp said donations should be made to Valley Volunteers Inc., P. O. Box 965, Carmel Valley, 93924. For further information, telephone Trapp at 659-2021.

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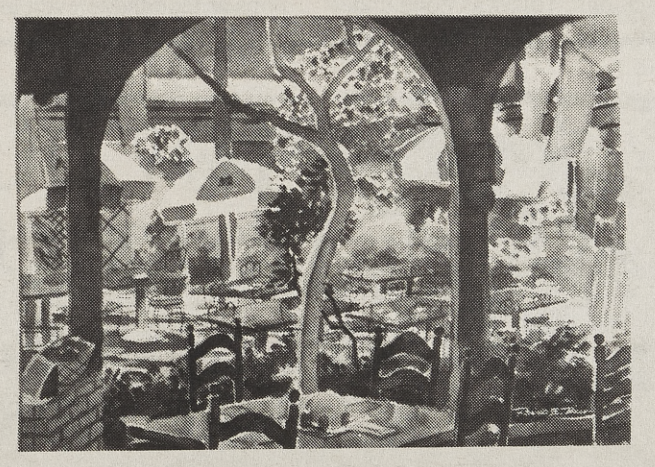

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Opinion

Traffic Trigger Misfires Again

By Dick Heuer

The so called traffic trigger in the Carmel Valley Master Plan has misfired once again. The Board of Supervisors on Dec. 12 received the annual report showing changes in traffic on twelve different segments of Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Rancho Blvd., and Rio Rd. Analysis of this report shows that procedures used to monitor changes in traffic are still inadequate to the task.

Is it plausible, for example, that traffic east of Holman Rd. increased by 65 percent since last year? That traffic between Ford Rd. and Laureles Grade increased by 26 percent while decreasing by 25 percent on the next stretch from Laureles Grade to Robinson Canyon Rd? Is it reasonable to believe that traffic between Robinson Canyon Rd. and Schulte Rd. increased by 8 percent, and that it decreased by 16 percent on the adjacent segment from Schulte Rd. to Rancho San Carlos Rd? All during the past year!

The Carmel Valley Master Plan requires that Public Works make an annual report to the Supervisors on traffic levels within the master plan area. If traffic exceeds a specified threshold level on any of the twelve road segments that are monitored, this triggers a public hearing and possible action to limit development according to a court order by Judge Richard Silver.

This year's report shows that traffic between Laureles Grade and Ford Rd. passed the threshold level that triggers action by the Board of Supervisors. The report shows an ADT (average daily trips) of 11,500, while the threshold level is 10,826. This is a 26 percent increase over last year's ADT of 9,100.

The supervisors have scheduled a public hearing on this for Jan. 30 at 2:30 p.m. Rather than pulling the "trigger" on further development that impacts this section of the road, County Public Works will ask *the supervisors to authorize more detailed field measurements to verify the level of* service calculations. This was done under similar circumstances last year. "There is an aberration in the data," County transportation engineer George Divine told the *Sun*.

There is a procedure for calculating level of service by "headways" rather than by average daily trips. This measures the distance between cars during peak traffic periods. It is a more accurate measure of level of service, but also more expensive and time-consuming. When used last year for three other segments of Carmel Valley Rd., it set a higher threshold level and led to a conclusion that traffic had not passed the threshold after all.

Using "headways" to calculate level of service does not eliminate a basic flaw in the measurement process, however. Traffic levels may vary greatly from one day to the next. If counted on one day when traffic is lower than normal and another day when it is higher than normal, there appears to be a large gain in traffic volume. This is how it is possible to get figures that show a 26 percent increase at one location and a 25 percent decrease just a couple miles down the road. The only way to avoid such distortion is to take frequent measurements at the same location and then calculate an average traffic volume.

The distortion is not readily apparent in the report submitted to the supervisors, as it gives only the traffic count figures. Only when these numbers are converted into percentages of alleged increase or decrease in traffic does their implausibility become apparent.

The County procedure is to count traffic only twice a year, for one day, at each of the 12 monitoring locations. This year, as a result of a mix-up with the contractor, some locations were monitored only once. One location, west of Rio Vista Rd., is monitored for one day each month, and *these monthly counts are used to generate a formula for estimating seasonal variations* at the other eleven locations.

ROADSIDE PARKING alongside Highway 1 at Monastery Beach would be eliminated under a plan being proposed by the State Park and Recreation Department. Parking would be provided in two off-highway lots, one to the north and one to the south of the beach. The beach is especially popular with divers.

Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

Monastery Beach Parking Plan Filed

The California Department of Parks and Recreation has filed an application with Monterey County to create off-highway parking lots at the north and south ends of Monastery Beach along Highway 1.

Visitors to the beach, which is very popular with divers, now park alongside the highway. At peak diving periods, as many as 75-85 vehicles can be gathered there.

The state is proposing creation of a 35-space lot at the south end of the beach, a 40-car lot at the north end and a 1,200 foot access road between them.

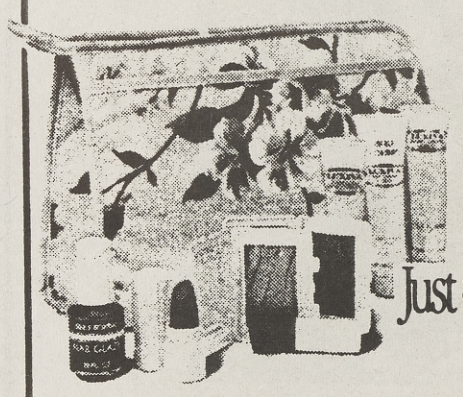
It said this, and the construction of two bathroom facilities, will require tree removal and grading in what it acknowledges to be "an environmentally and archeologically sensitive area."

One potential obstacle to the plan is the presence on the beach of the black legless lizard. A census of the lizard prepared as part of the development application found a couple of dozen of the animals on the broad beach.

The application said an average of 1,200 cars an hour use the highway in front of the beach, and no additional vehicle trips will be generated on Highway 1 by the planned changes.

The state said two intersections with left turn areas planned for that stretch of road "will increase safety." The application said the accident rate along San Jose Creek Beach already is less than the state average for similar roads under similar conditions.

Kelly Morgantini, a county planner who has been assigned to analyze the state's request, said she is preparing a letter seeking additional information on some of the issues raised in the application.



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BRET CONNEAU as Uncle Barnaby, the villain, scares Alana Cain, playing Mary, Mary Quite Contrary, and Justin Conneau, who plays Allan, the good guy, in a performance of Babes in Toyland at the Tularcitos School Dec. 11. Allan Conneau is the nephew of Bret when they are not acting. *Sun Photo by John Anderson.*

ART HAPPENINGS

Artists Equity Central Coast Chapter will meet at the Pacific Grove Art Center for a member's social and slide show, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 8.

Women Artists of the West is inviting all women artists to enter an International Competition and Exhibition to be held June 17-30 at the Convention Center in Visalia, CA. For prospectus and entry form, write WAOW, P.O. Box 1032, Diamond Springs, CA 95619.

A group exhibition of work by Louisa Jenkins, Dora Hagemeyer and James Algar will open at the Cherry Foundation, Jan. 6 with a reception from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Algar works in Carmel. The two women were considered important figures in Carmel's early cultural community. The exhibit is open through Jan. 27.

Peninsula artist Gail Factor's "Local Color" show of oil paintings is on display in the Alvarado Lobby of the Conference Center, Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art, through Feb. 16.

An exhibition of works by the late Lorser Feitelson (1898-1978), a leader of the Subjective Classicism and Post-Surrealism movements of the '30's, opens Jan. 6-March 25 in the Asian Gallery, Monterey Peninsula Museum of Art.

The Photographic Center of Monterey Peninsula announces its Winter/Spring 1990 Workshops at Sunset Cultural Center, Carmel. For brochure, call 625-5181.

The Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation 5th Annual Exhibit opened Dec. 15 for a month at Pacific Grove Art Center. The exhibit fills three galleries. Robert Osborn is featured at the Photography Gallery.

Tularcitos School Names Students Of Month for October, November

Tularcitos School in the Village has released the names of its students who were honored with Student of the Month designation in October and November.

Principal Karen Camilli said the award, based on both academics and citizenship, is designed to be within reach of all the students. "The idea," she said, "is to allow every child an opportunity to be successful."

The honored students were:

November

Mrs. Patty Armstrong's Class

Zephyr Andrew
Jasmine Bradley
Jade Davis
Christine Ducoing
Christa Quefurth
Jason Augustitus
Justin Cordrey
Geoff Dietrich
Erin Miller

Paul Behan's Class

Sadie Adams
Heidi Coughlin
Rebecca Green
Gabrielle James
Patrick LaGoy
Amy Melton
Joshua Morris
Emily Rohan
Sage Scherman
Sierra Burnett
Nathan Dietrich
Lauren Greenberg
Elisabeth Kohnke
Nichole McBride
Marlo Milligan
John Pryor
Dan Rosenthal

Mrs. Ethyl Radowicz's Class

Sierra Callaway
Bernadette Chiappe
Amy Jo De Maria
Carli Livesey
Chase Mahoney
Jeremy Woodward
April Zobel
Briana Weisman
Courtney Cresap
Chris Little
Jessica Rial
Kristine Tate
Jack Wray

Ms. Jen Simmons' Class

April Allard
Lea Duarte
Hillary Hollingsworth
Colby Lawn
Juli Sherman
Solera Smith-Thomas
Kim Cresap
Carrie Grimes
Sara Howe
Luke McMahon
Ben Siino

Vaughan Monnes' Class

John Pfeiffer
Jacob Saxton
Lorna McDaniel
Mischa Salsbury
Konrad Kozicki
Sandra Perez
Colter Bissell
Maia Entropo
Eric Brinsmead
Joy Hopkins-Black
Myka Boreen
Melissa Valdez
Shawn Wells

Phil Smith's Class

Alissa Bertsch
Joe Bishop
Alisa Bradley
Josh Campbell
Luke Weisman
Matt Wall
Jeff Harris
Nick Leonoff
Alondra Perez
Jennifer Waddell
Hernan Cardenas

October

Mrs. Armstrong's Class

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Geoff Dietrich
Christina Ducoing
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Christa Quefurth
Andrew Wallace
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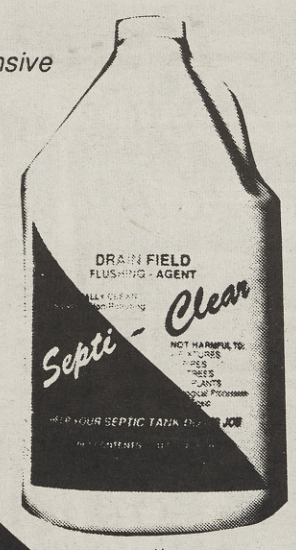

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A Woman and Her Land: A 26-Year Struggle

By Isabelle Hall

"Count how many seconds it takes for us to drive by the artichoke field," she told me.

"About 15 seconds," I said, as we reached the bridge over the dry Carmel River.

"You see," she said, proud to make her point. "How much of the view can you possibly take in in just 15 seconds?"

Bruna Odello had a point. This blonde, Italian-born farm woman from Prunedale knows her land like the back of her hand. She has lived on the sprawling Odello Ranch since 1947 when she married Guiseppe Odello. Eleven years of their married life was spent in the little faded yellow house in the row of red houses now occupied by Mexican laborers who work the artichoke fields.

That was when the Odellos rented the 305-acre farm from the Oliver family. They purchased it in 1945 for about $900 an acre and have raised artichokes ever since. The crop varies bertween 20,000 and 50,000 boxes annually, depending on the size of the vegetables picked. The main market for the crop is New York City. The artichokes are picked to satisfy that market so size can vary.

After they bought it, they built a family compound of brick houses on the west side of the property overlooking the 156 acres they subsequently sold to the state for $1.5 million to be kept as permanent open space. The land has been leased by the Odellos ever since and farmed in artichokes.

Family Effort

The family has been trying since 1962 to develop the land. In July, 1971, the Monterey County Planning Commission approved a development on the entire parcel for 1,352 units. The action was derided as a "rubber stamp" and overturned by the Board of Supervisors in October, 1971.

Reflecting the tenor of the times, there were proposals then for Highway 1 to be made a toll road south of Carmel to help reduce the traffic to Big Sur. In the fall of 1972, the Odellos revised their development proposal to 598 units, 298 of them residential and the rest a hotel and spa.

"This has been a long and agonizing trail, and I think we might be on the last mile," Planning Commissioner Charles Kramer was quoted as saying in April, 1972, when that proposal was approved.

"The Light at the End of the (Odello) Tunnel?" was a headline Nov. 16, 1972 in the Carmel *Pine Cone* as it reported that the Carmel Sanitary District wanted to buy all 292 acres. A year later the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District was talking about paying $2,035,000 for the eastern 135 acres. A group called the Odello Land Acquisition Fund (OLAF) had agreed to buy the western acreage for $1.7 million so it would be preserved in its natural state.

Two Lawsuits

There were two lawsuits at the time, including one by the City of Carmel although its boundary is considerably north of the site.

Widowed in 1974 when her husband died of a heart attack, Mrs. Odello and her brother-in-law, Bruno—"everyone always gets us confused"—have operated the artichoke farm ever since and fought for the right to develop the land which is just south of such developments as The Barnyard, Crossroads and Carmel Rancho plus a condominum complex on the north side of Carmel River.

Their eighth and latest proposal to the County Board of Supervisors was recently laid out in an Environmental Impact Report and will be the subject of hearings sometime next year. It calls for 76 single-family units and a commercial center with a restaurant, farmer's market, grange hall and visitors center at Highway 1 just south of the Carmel River Bridge.

Mrs. Odello offered this reporter a tour of the land to explain personally where the proposed houses and farm center would sit.

Driving her 11-year-old Blazer, she bounced along the rutted perimeter of the artichoke fields, pointing to trees and other landmarks so I could visualize the project. All the while she also answered questions, explaining how artichokes grow and recounting the probems of farming them.

20 Percent Lost

"We lost about 20 percent of the crop this year because of moles," she lamented. "There is no way to get rid of moles that I know of. We don't use herbicides or pesticides. See those plants that look half wilted. That's some of the damage that results from the moles."

The artichoke plants were being watered that afternoon and the furrows between the steeply-banked rows of plants were deep in water which had begun to flow into the road. We rounded the eastern end of the land and started along the south side, already deep in mud.

"I think I better go into four-wheel drive," she said, hopping out to engage the hubs manually on each front wheel. "Good thing I grew up on a farm and know how to do this" she laughed.

Stuck in the Mud

But stopping in the muddy ruts had done its damage. When she started to drive off, our wheels just spun. The more she rocked the vehicle, the deeper it burrowed into the mud. We both had visions of walking back through the muddy fields.

"Where are the men when we need them?" she sighed, as none of her workers were in sight.

But, then, she got out, took a look at her situation, climbed back behind the wheel and, as if by sheer force of will, drove through the mire to hard ground.

"Good for you," I shouted, thinking she would need to display the same kind of strength and determination to bring the family's 26-year fight to develop the farm to a successful end.

Harold Seyferth, who was chairman of the Advisory Committee which wrote the Carmel Area Land Use Plan stating that the land could be developed along the lines of the family's latest proposal, knows about her determination. He recalled that Mrs. Odello, her brother-in-law or other family members attended every single meeting of his committee. "She was more faithful than I was."

"I don't mean to complain," Mrs. Odellao said. "But, I don't think we have been treated fairly."

Only Large Working Farm

She talked about all the projects that had been approved while the Odello Ranch was tied up, pointing out that it remains today the only land still in its original state in the vicinity of Rio Road and Highway 1 and the only large working farm on Highway 1 from the Carmel area to north of Marina.

"I only want what's fair," she said. The family sold the west half of the ranch to the state to help pay estate taxes after the death of her father-in-law and then her husband, she said.

Since the surrounding areas were developed the ranch taxes were raised so that they are now "two to three times what farmland is taxed in the Castroville area,"Mrs. Odello said.

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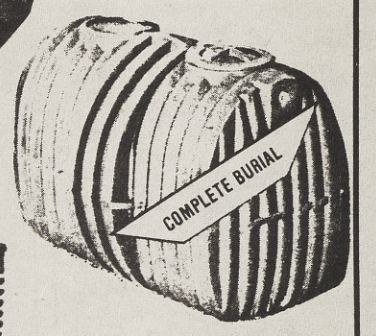

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AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF THE ODELLO RANCH in the early 1950's shows the artichoke fields just as they are today. The light-colored triangle of fields (1) today is the site of the Crossroads Shopping Center and The Barnyard. A condominium complex (2) is built along the north side of the Carmel River. The angled buildings (3) in the photograph are apartment buildings, since torn down, and the Carmel Post Office is now on the site. Near the bottom of the photograph is the Carmel Rancho Shopping Center (4). Rio Road (5) can be seen extending west from Highway 1 through the residential area of Mission Fields. The western acreage, farmed by the Odellos under a lease arrangement since it was purchased by the state, is a permanent preserve (6). On the Eastern side of Highway 1, the family proposes to continue to farm the northern half of the land (7), housing would be in the area to the south (8), and a market center would be where the existing workers' houses are (9). Replacement houses would be at (10).

Odello Land

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The land where the houses would be built is beautiful and secluded, nestled against the Palo Corona mountainside to the south.

"Would you like to live in one of the houses?" I asked.

"Maybe," she said. "But, where I am now is awfully nice. Sometimes I wish I were an amoeba and could split myself to be two places at once."

She pointed out the area where artichokes would continue to be grown on half the land and drove by the little red houses which would be replaced with new workers' houses to the east, leaving room for a farmer's market complex closer to Highway 1.

Mrs. Odello is well aware she is fighting a "growth-no growth" battle that dominates the Monterey Peninsula. As a result, she and her brother-in-law have cut back the original proposal for development to just 76 houses. The land use plan actually called for 162 houses.

Their proposal would save water because artichokes require a lot more water, proportionately, than a residential development. The EIR talks about saving 26 acre-feet per year because some 40 percent of the irrigated farmland would be converted to residential and commercial uses.

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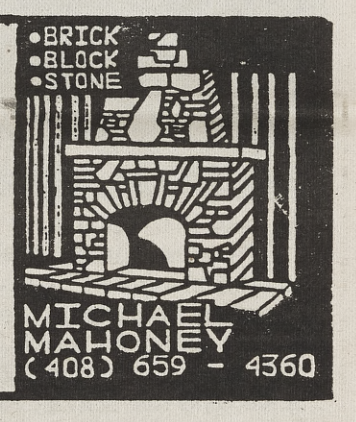

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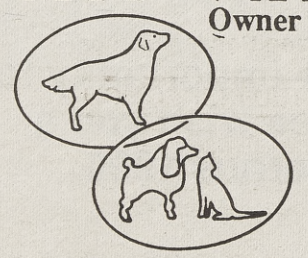

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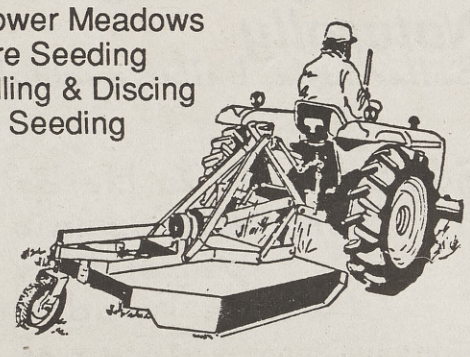

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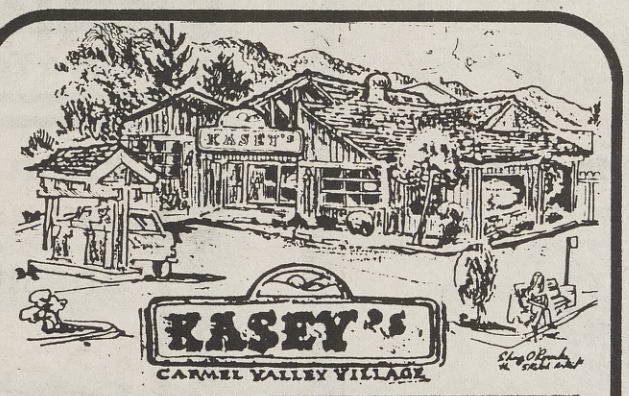

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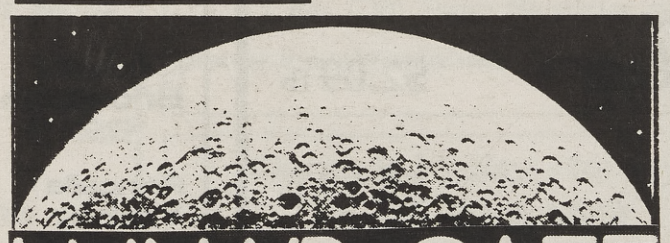

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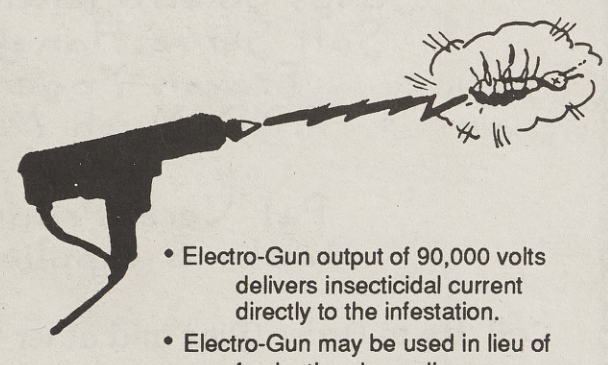

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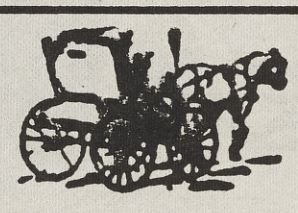

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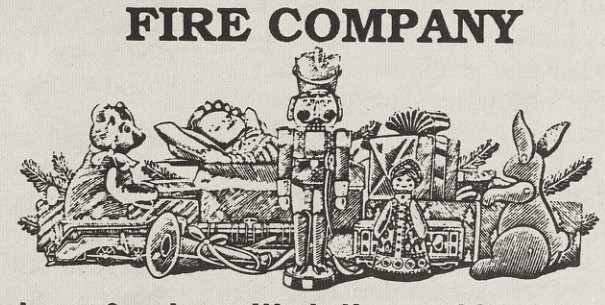

Remember: Santa will deliver gifts to good little girls and boys if packages are received at the Pack Station or Rex's by 4 p.m. Christmas Eve clearly tagged with name and address. Ho. Ho. Ho.

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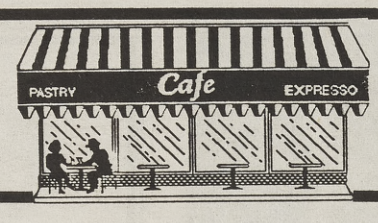

A Country Place

A visit to A Country Place in a sprawling house on the western outskirts of Carmel Valley Village is a bit like going home to grandmother's.

Flowers bloom in the garden and huge baskets of dried flowers greet you at the door to the dining room where hardwood floors are covered with old Oriental rugs. Wood-paneled walls are adorned with china plates, country sayings and plaques. A red-brick fireplace warms one area and the tables come with either maple chairs or former church pews: another smaller dining room has pink walls.

A local favorite for Sunday brunch, this friendly restaurant offers a tantalizing variety of such rich breakfast dishes as: cherry Kjofa pancakes, blueberry, strawberry and banana peach pancakes, buckwheat pancakes with raspberry sauce, blintzes with fruit and just plain buttermilk pancakes with butter and hot maple syrup.

If your taste is not for the sweet, there are such savory delights as Turkey and Avocado Eggs Benedict, Huevos Rancheros or a Chorizo sausage and cheese omelette. These generous breakfasts are offered all day along with lunch dishes until closing at 2:30 p.m.

One sunny afternoon, we tried the Huevos Rancheros, a Mexican breakfast dish that is served differently almost everywhere you try it. A Country Place offers scrambled eggs with melted cheese and a hot salsa resting on red beans atop a huge flour tortilla, garnished with lettuce, tomatos and black olives. After that, it was definitely time for a Sunday nap.

On another visit for lunch, My Friend indulged his fondness for buttermilk pancakes and pronounced them delicious. I tried their day's special quesadillas, also a dish open to wide interpretation. It came in the form of a flour tortilla, fried to a light crispness and served in sections like a sandwich of turkey, cheese, mild pickled green peppers and bits of tomato, garnished with lettuce and olives.

A HOMEY FIREPLACE dominates the main room and sets the tone for the low-keyed A Country Place Restaurant in theVillage. *Sun photo by John Anderson*

If you still have an appetite after these hearty lunches, a country-style sideboard (some might call it a groaning board) is laden with freshly made pie or cake or muffins or all three. They look so inviting we had to just share a bit of deep dish apple pie and ice cream. A little sweet goes so well with the coffee!

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Giuliano's

Don't be fooled if you walk by this little restaurant and see the tables empty. They have all been reserved, and if you want to dine, you will be cordially invited to go down the street to have a drink at some other establishment and come back when a table might be empty.

Do be prepared to have appetizers for Guiliano's offers some of the tastiest in town. In fact, you have a lot of choices to make as the menu skips from succulent starters to an array of soup, salad, pastas and fish or meat entrees. Desserts aren't even mentioned until much later.

This is a romantic restaurant, an intimate room with barely 12 tables where the walls are mirrored in a manner that makes the room seem both larger and more intimate at the same time.

We shared the Tomatos Pomadori and a Shrimp and Italian Peppers appetizer recently. The green tomato slices are breaded and fried and served on a bed of Italian red tomato sauce, as delicious as it was unusual. And though I love shrimp and peppers, I kept going back to the tomatoes.

Two friends chose duckling in port wine and green peppercorn sauce with polenta, a richly satisfying dish. The duck had a wonderful gamey taste although it was not promoted as wild.

I decided on veal in a lemon and caper sauce, as light and airy as it sounded, a total contrast to the duck. Green beans, barely cooked, with orangey-red pimentos were the evening's vegetables.

In this intimate setting, you are bound to watch with great interest what your neighbors get and seeing the desserts next to us was enough to order at least two for sharing: a smooth as silk creme brulee and a profiterole with espresso ice cream and hot chocolate fudge sauce. Be sure to make a reservation.

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Our Animal Friends

By Araby Colton

Brother Coyote

Once upon a time our lovely foothills echoed to his sun worshipping song at dawn, to his excited yappings at dusk, and through the night—but no more. In my 20 years in Carmel Valley, I have never heard his song. Our diligent Department of Agriculture with its poisons, and our ranchers, with their guns, have very nearly extirpated him.

The Indians thought him so clever they saw him as surviving man, but his cleverness has not availed him against the peculiarly ferocious war that has been waged against him ever since World War 1, when the federal government, to increase meat production, began the systematic destruction of predatory animals. Ranchers were delighted to have public funds used to save them the wages they had been paying hired hands to protect their property.

Our little brother has been run down and beaten to death by snowmobilers, shot from planes, trapped, poisoned, gutted alive to make scent lure to trap more coyotes, hung still living on fences, even turned out, his jaws wired shut, to starve to death..

His natural habitat is the great plains, and the Southwest. His natural diet is the smaller rodents—rabbits, gophers, ground squirrels, rats, mice, prairie dogs, and a wide variety of berries, fruits, nuts, roots, greens, and insects. In fact, he is a major rodenticide, for which we should treasure him.

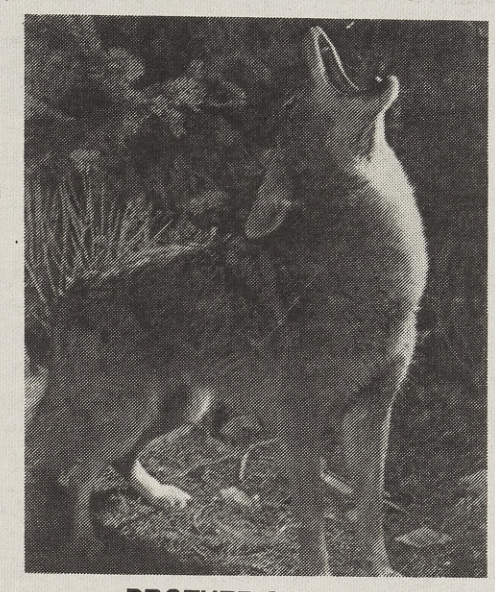
While the U.S. Army wanted to use 1080 poison at Fort Hunter Liggett some years back to kill the ground squirrels, we outraged environmentalists reminded the military gentlemen that if they hadn't killed off the coyotes they wouldn't have a ground squirrel problem. (Incidentally, we stopped them cold.)

1080, or monsocium fluoracetate, a deadly chain-reaction poison, is spread widely by your Department of Agriculture to kill ground squirrels, so, if you're backpacking or hiking with your dog don't let him pick up a dead squirrel or you may lose him to a horrible death.

Brother Coyote is a key figure in nature's clean-up crew. he eats the still-born and disease-killed lambs and calves, the wounded deer and birds left by careless hunters, the carcasses of dead animals. He is "territorial," if not disturbed by man. It is the desperate, opportunistic newcomer, perhaps driven from his home by man, who is likely to attack sheep for food.

Coyotes are loving, protective, self-sacrificing mates and parents. If a coyote is trapped its mate will bring it food. The male brings food to his pregnant, or nursing mate. An amazed hunter who had wounded a coyote saw two others come up to the wounded coyote, and , one on each side of it, support it to cover and safety.

Now numerous distinguished scientists question the wisdom of our war on wildlife. Perhaps the deep feelings of



BROTHER COYOTE

many of us are expressed in these words by J. Frank Dobie:

"If I could I would go to bed every night with coyote voices in my ears, and with them greet the gray light of every dawn. When I remember their derision of campfires, their salutes to the rising moon, their kinship cries to stars and silences, I am ten thousand times more grateful to them than I am to the makers of the blaring radios and jangling telephones that index the high standard of American living."

Suggested reading: "The Voice of the Coyote." by J. Frank Dobie.

YMCA Basketball Sign-up

The YMCA of the Monterey Peninsula kis registering boys and girls in the 3rd through 8th grades for its 1990 Youth Basketball League between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at 600 Camino El Estero, Monterey. Deadline is Dec. 29. League play starts Jan. 13. Volunteer caoches and referees also are needed.

Holiday Safety Tips

Bob Taylor, Ranger Unit Chief of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's San Benito-Monterey Ranger Unit, offers safety tips for the holidays:

Christmas Trees: Buy one that is reasonably fresh. Faded yellow or reddish brown needles mean the tree is dry and extremely flammable; Cut off about two inches of the bottom trunk before placing it in a stand of water or wet sand. Add water as needed as the tree will quickly absorb it in a warm room.; Place the tree away from floor furnaces, wall heaters and fireplaces where a spark could actually ignite the tree.

Lights: Use only light strings and extension cords approved by the Underwriter's Laboratory (U.L.) Avoid overloading electrical circuits. Use only the number of plugs the outlet is designed to handle at one time. Replace any light strings, cords or sockets in poor condition.

Decorations: Use only flameproof decorations; avoid allowing tree needles to have direct contact with a light bulb; turn off tree lights and all other decorations when leaving the house for any length of time.

Clean Up: After Christmas, dispose of wrappings and boxes as soon as possible as they create a fire hazard. Do not burn waste in the fireplace as this could cause a chimney fire; dispose of the tree quickly as it will be dry and flammable and do not burn it in the fireplace. Every year homes are lost due to attempts to burn the Christmas tree.

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Out and About

By Stan Hall

Sometimes I think I have spent half of my life wishing it would rain. I got an early start, and I've had a lot of practice.

When I was a boy, my grandparents raised me on a farm in West Texas about 100 miles southwest of Amarillo. It was on the Texas-New Mexico border, where the line runs between Central and Mountain time. The closest town of any size was Clovis, N. M., and when we went there for groceries, to the vet or for machinery repairs, we always kept the time change in mind so that we didn't get there before the businesses opened.

I didn't understand until I was grown that the farm also is located on the edge of the great southwestern American desert. But there has never been a time when I was not acutely aware of how devastating drought can be.

That part of Texas is even drier than the Monterey Peninsula, receiving an annual average of about 14 inches of moisture, compared to around 18 here.

IN MY CHILDHOOD, droughts were so common it was hard to tell when one ended and another began.When it got really dry, we had to haul water to the cattle because all of the stock ponds where they drank would dry up.

Even worse, after several months of hauling water, lots of times we still had to sell the cattle because it wouldn't rain and the pathetic creatures, their bones poking sharply through their sides, simply didn't have anything else to eat. They didn't bring much at the sale barn, of course, because they were so poor, and the price was down because all the neighbors were selling off their herds, too.

My granddad was religious, and he used to cite passages from the Bible in telling me that in that country, a man had to plan on enduring six years of crop failure for every bountiful year when the rain fell abundantly enough and at the right times. I never had the nerve to tell him you could get better than 7-1 odds in Las Vegas.

WHEN IT DID FINALLY RAIN, it was often a mixed blessing. After you had wished for rain so long, it usually would finally arrive in violent downpours that washed out the just-planted cotton or came with driving hail that destroyed a year's worth of work in the wheatfields faster than you could mentally calculate your losses and figure out how to get the banker to loan you more to put in another crop.

The rains out on the High Plains mainly fall from huge, violent thunderstorms which build up in the afternoon heat. That's the time when mirages can make it appear that 100-car freight trains more than 30 miles away are really long, silver spaceships zipping low over the ground, seeing what the mortals who live below are having to put up with now. Out there, you could bet it was a drought and be right nearly every time.

The tops of those thunderstorms—giant heat engines which draw in warm air and drive it upwards like smoke in a chimney to wring any moisture out of it—often reach beyond 50,000 feet high. They were fascinating to watch—not just because they held out the promise that maybe it would rain, but also as a demonstration of nature's power at work.

DRAMATICALLY BEAUTIFUL from a distance—puffy, pure white cottonballs stacked on top of one another—they showed their true dangerous colors up close. Underneath were angry greys, boiling black and the deep, deep green that many oldtimers said always signalled a tornado or two lurking inside.

Later, when I was older and learning to fly, I gained additional respect for the power in these storms and what they could do to a small airplane if you didn't give them plenty of room.

As dangerous and damaging as they could sometimes be, we always welcomed the thunderstorms' appearance because we always needed the rain.

I don't know how many nights I sat outside, looking into the darkness to see the flash of distant lightning in the west. The storms would form in the hot afternoon sun in the middle of New Mexico as the Sangre de Cristo Mountains forced the air up over them, cooling it and creating a distant prospect of rain. The mountains were at least 200 miles away, and by dark, the storms were close enough that you could see the lightning illuminate the clouds' anvil shaped tops and know they were headed in your direction.

BUT IN YOUR HEART, you also knew that they would probably spill all their moisture before they got to you or simply give in to rapid cooling and peter out. Sometimes those storms did make it to the Texas-New Mexico border full of moisture and fury, only to slide

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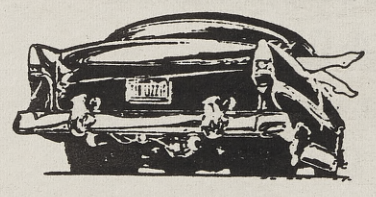

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disappointingly around your parched fields and pastures, usually a few miles to the north.

Still, you would sit and watch them—and wish.

Sometimes in the fall of the year—when tropical disturbances brought unusual amounts of moisture that far north in Texas—we'd get soft, soaking rain that would fall for a day or two. A rain like that and a good snow that stayed on the wheat and didn't all blow off into the fence rows could almost guarantee you a good crop.

The sound of those soft rains on the little tin-roofed house where we lived in Texas is probably the sweetest music I've ever heard. I was thinking of that when it rained over Thanksgiving weekend, the rain drumming on the skylights over the living room in our house. It didn't sound exactly like rain on a tin roof, but it did remind me of what my granddad had said: Even if you deserve rain, sitting around and wishing for it isn't enough; you've got to get out and help yourself.

Not surprisingly, he was one of the first landowners in that part of Texas to punch deep holes down into the sweet, cool waters of the Ogallala aquifer, transforming that thirsty land into a region of bounty through irrigation.

LATELY, I OFTEN FIND myself wishing again that it would rain. Going through a drought now is nothing like going through one when you have to depend on stock and crops for a living. But since we moved here, I've been serving on the board of a little mutual water company where we live. For more than a year, we've been under a county-imposed building moratorium—all those expensive lots sitting there going nowhere—and this summer we had to stop people from watering their yards and impose rationing.

Almost unconsciously, you find yourself watching the barometer for a drop in pressure that might spell rain or scanning the sky for clouds that might hold some moisture.

But with maddening monotony, the days dawn clear and warm and dry. If it doesn't rain soon, I'll get a Farmers' Almanac and start watching what time of day the moon changes its phases. My granddad was convinced a series of morning moon changes would almost always bring rain.

When the slow, soaking rains come—as I know they finally will—I think I'll sit in the living room under the skylights and imagine that the drops are falling again on an old tin roof in Texas.

Vera Stokes: 96 and Going Strong

Vera Stokes, who will be 96 on Dec. 23, attributes her longevity to keeping busy.

"I was always busy," she told the *Sun*, posing in her Christmas finery for a birthday photograph. "I made my living by getting little houses in Pacific Grove and New Monterey and renting them out. It turned out real good. Whenever I had big bills, I sold stuff."

Born in Sausalito, Mrs. Stokes moved to Monterey with her family in 1907. She is the daughter of Pop Ernest who made abalone steaks famous in his wharf restaurant in the early 1900's.

"Pop always was in something big," she recalled with a twinkle in her eye. "We moved about every two years."

Her parents were both born in Germany, "both on the same day in 1865," and met in San Francisco where her mother was singing on stage.

Mrs. Stokes moved to Carmel Valley in 1960 and lives alone with her 15-year-old Calico cat, "Tootsie."

Asked her recipe for long life, she said, "I don't go in for a lot of fancy stuff. I like chicken. I have coffee and sweet rolls for breakfast. I eat my main meal at noon and have soup for dinner. I don't do much cooking any more."

About her only complaint is failing eyesight. Mrs. Stokes will celebrate her birthday and Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Lois Deal, who has been a widow for 15 years, and her granddaughter, Mrs. Donna Tarr, wife of Rev. Robert Tarr of Community Chapel.

"We all live in the Valley," she said. "We just love the Valley. I moved here from Pacific Grove because it was too cold there."

The family will open its Christmas gifts at the home of Mrs. Stokes which she decorated with a Christmas tree and Santa Claus pictures and a gingerbread house given to her by the children at Tularcitos Pre-School when she attended their Christmas party last week and "sat on Santa's knee."

NONAGENARIAN VERA STOKES in her red dress poses in front of her Christmas tree. She will be 96 Dec. 23. *Sun Photo by John Anderson.*

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Valley Man's Family Gives National Tree

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The Chuck Strathmeyer family is bustin' its buttons these days because Chuck's brother, Fred, had the honor of presenting the national tree to the White House this year.

Fred, who is president of the Christmas Tree Growers Association, gave a bushy fir tree from his farm near York, Pa., and got to meet Mrs. Barbara Bush when it was lighted.

Donna Hamilton, who passed this intelligence on to the *Sun*, also pointed out that Kevan Strathmeyer works at her Iron Kettle Restaurant.

Top Teachers To Get Awards

The White House wants to identify excellent science and mathematics teachers who work with 7th to 12th graders in public or private schools.

A total of 108 teachers will be given Presidential Awards in 1990, one for science and one for mathematics, in each state or territory and the Department of Defense schools. Recipients receive the award, a trip to Washington, D.C., and a $7,500 National Science Foundation grant for their school.

Nominations can be sent from students, parents, teachers or anyone who knows about a teacher's qualifications. Address them to PAESMT, NSTA Special Projects, 5112 Berwyn Road, 3rd Floor, College Park, MD 20740. The deadline is March 1.

Village Plan

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will not be passed over when the (design criteria) comes before the Supervisors.

"I am personally respectful of the recommendations made by the citizens. If there are alternatives, theirs are my first choice," she said.

The criteria are designed to provide strong guidance to the Upper Carmel Valley Advisory Committee in its consideration of proposed future developments in the Village.

The separate document covering the Village was required by the Carmel Valley Master Plan. The citizens who helped draft the criteria included Mrs. Debbie Saxton, Fire Chief Bob Heald and market owner Randy Randazzo, in addition to Williams and Coakley. They were appointed by Mrs. Strasser Kauffman.

The criteria include provisions for such items as design, colors, rooflines, building heights, pathways, external lighting, signs, fences, parking and landscaping.

Lombardo Group Raises $44,004 for Earthquake Relief

The Rancho Canada, Laguna Seca and Pajaro Valley Golf Clubs raised a total of $44,004 to provide relief to earthquake victims of the communities of Pajaro and Watsonville between Oct. 22 and Dec. 1.

The three courses,which comprise the Lombardo Group, donated $2 for every round of golf played for a total of $40,864. An additional $3,140 was donated by golfers at the three clubs. Checks were presented Dec. 8 to Monterey County Supervisor Marc Del Piero and Santa Cruz County Supervisor Sheri Mehl by Gary Cursio of the Pajaro Club and Shim La Goy of Rancho Canada.

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What they still don't teach you at the Harvard Business School...Mark H. McCormack
Citadels of mystery...L. Sprague de Camp
Benny Goodman and the Swing Era...James Collier
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Huxley in Hollywood...David King Dunaway
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FICTION

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White Jenna...Jane Yolen
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Mile Zero...Thomas Sanchez
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Garland Park Party

Friends of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District will host a New Year's get-together at garland Park Visitors Center from 3 to 5 p.m. Dec. 31. Beverages are provided but the groups says, "Bring goodies to share."

Center Picks Fulltime Head

Ellen Karadimas, a playwright who has worked extensively with young people, has been named fulltime administrative coordinator of the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center by the board of directors.

A native of Furth, West Germany, who was raised in New York City and Windsor Locks, Conn., Ms. Karadimas said she hopes to form an alliance with other Monterey Peninsula youth centers and organizations to establish programs for young people that will keep residents, "excited, challenged and actively linked together."

When she was 37, Ms. Karadimas returned to Smith College as an Ada Comstock scholar majoring in theater and English under a program for women returning to college. Five years later she was presented with the Denis Johnston Playwriting Award for the best play written by an undergraduate.

"I love doing comedy," she said. "I love to hear people laugh." She is also founder and past director of "Just off Broadway," a non-profit organization in Hartford, Conn., that showcased young talent.

Under her direction, the Youth Center will now be open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. She was on the job the weekend of Dec. 13 for the Santa Claus parade and art fair at the center.

ELLEN KARADIMAS, new fulltime administrator of the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center, is full of enthusiasm for her new job.

Youth Center Needs Office Equipment

The Community Youth Center, which has served the Valley for the past 35 years has a Christmas wish list.

The center, a non-profit organization, needs: an IBM self-correcting typewriter; a typewriter stand an IBM or IBM compatible computer; a telephone answering machine which records time and day; a Polaroid camera for black and white and color; and office lounge furniture.

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The tradition of delivering presents is common to many local fire departments. Residents should bring a wrapped gift with the name and address of the recipient to their local fire station no later than 3 p.m. Dec. 24. Gifts will all be delivered by 8 to 9 p.m. when the reindeer take over.

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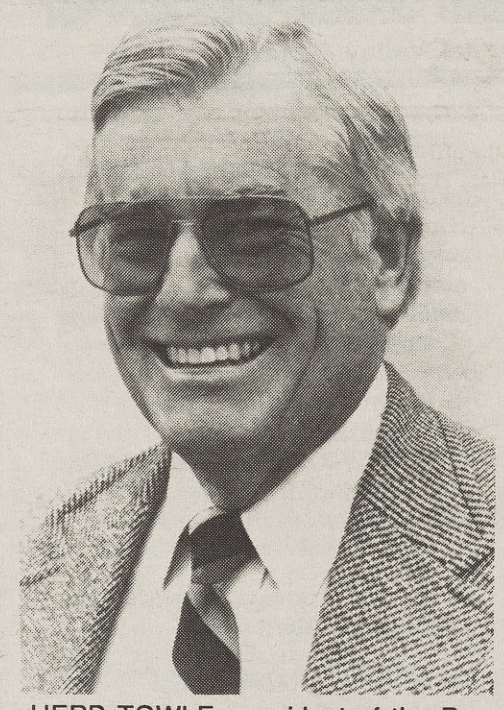

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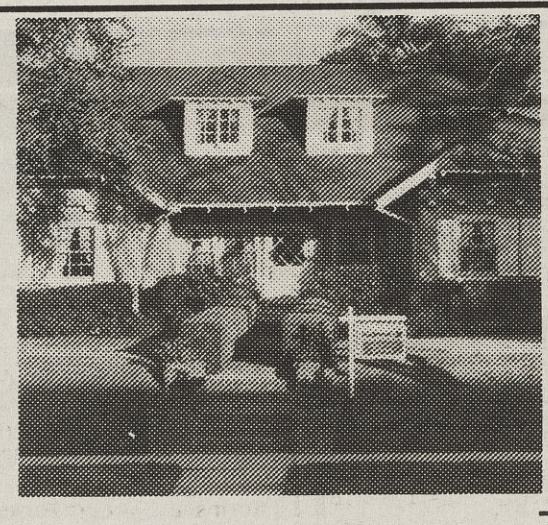
In announcing the appointment, general manager Cal Jepson said Ms. Kelly will be responsible for all personnel and employee relations functions at the resort which opened in June of 1987. A business adminstration graduate of the University of San Diego, she was formerly with the Four Sisters Inns of Carmel.



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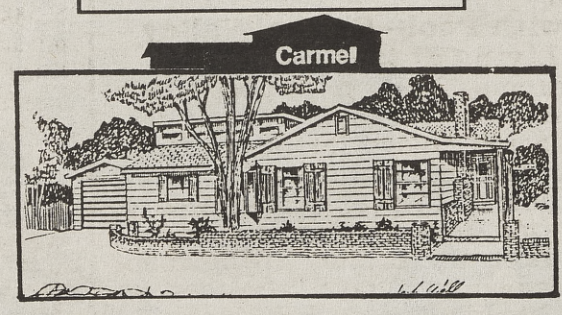

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The Carmel Valley *Sun* makes every effort to report these sales accurately. But you should consult a Realtor or other professional before taking action on the basis of this information.

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1 SCARLETT ROAD, Barbara Larkin to Glenda Butler and Richard Dunham. $360,000.

25520 SPUR ROAD. Bay Ridge to Roy W. McDonald. $315,000.

25615 RIO VISTA DRIVE, Donald Willfong to Don and Pam Irving. $440,000.

HACIENDA CARMEL. SME Property Exchange, Inc., to Catherine E. Beringer. $162,000.

25601 PASO DE CUMBRE, Burt and Judy McCullough to Arvel H. and Verna M. Mattson. $275,000.

HOLT ROAD, Michael J. and Janet M. Wise to Maynard C. and Loretta J. Petersen. $385,000.

UPPER CARMEL VALLEY

124 CHAPARRAL ROAD. Gail E. Barnett to William B. Fanta. $340,000.

1 ESQUILINE ROAD, Sandra Y. and Stewart Clough to Joy Mary Smith. $267,500.

MIDDLE CANYON WAY, Katherine M. Reiter to Thomas W. Wertheimer, Thomas J. Saunders and Patricia Gaglioti. $150,000.

531 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, Michael B. McDermet to Ronald M. and Shari E. Testa. $357,000.

300 COUNTRY CLUB HEIGHTS, Vito J. and Laurie L. La Torre to Laurel A. Burch. $2,000,000.

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DOLORES STREET, Howard Silberman to Donald R. Limberg. $610,000.

SANTA FE STREET, Glenn and Marian M. Leidig to Carmella Partners. $1,000,000.

DOLORES STREET, Sara E. Seltz and Lawyers Asset Management, Inc. to Gary Robertson and Melanee Murphee. $297,000.

LOBOS STREET, Pamela Spagna to Robert N. Beck. $373,000.

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Yesteryears

By Elizabeth Barratt

It Wasn't THAT Long Ago!

It comes as a shock that we're entering not only the 1990's, a new decade, but also the final decade of the century! Doesn't it seem like just the other day we were celebrating New Year's 1970? That, Dear Reader, was 20 years ago. What was going on in Carmel Valley in the first week of January of 1970?

A copy of the *Carmel Valley Outlook* for that week was available in the archives of the Carmel Valley Historical Society, thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Pylate, who have been indexing and cataloging past issues of local Valley papers as donated copies become available.

The week's cover story was about Barbara Wooddell, former Broadway, Hollywood and television actress who had just opened an interior design studio in Carmel Valley. Her studio was located adjacent to Mrs. Marion Wilson's Carmel Valley Art Gallery in the Village, at the White Oak Inn. Mrs. Wooddell's theatrical career included a stint with the Ziegfield Follies, feature roles in many Hollywood films, including "Of Thee I sing," and "The Man Who Came to Dinner," as well as television parts in such series as "Mr. and Mrs. North" and "The Whistler."

"Property Owners Want Even Tighter Zoning Law for Carmel Valley," announced a column on page 2 dealing with tougher hillside ordinances in the face of heavy rainstorms the previous season. Under discussion was an ordinance to prevent construction on lots of less than 2 1/2 acres on the upper slopes of Carmel Valley.

"Carmel Valley Road Repair Now Faced with Further Delays," announced another article, which began, "Monterey County's outgoing grand jury this week echoed the sentiments of Carmel Valley residents whose major wish for 1970 is "to get that road fixed.'" The County road department was called on to finish storm-damaged roads within six months.

In Mildred Hatton's "Under the Oaks and Among the Cacti" column, the following Valley items appeared: "Will's Fargo had celebrated another resounding New Year's Eve gala before closing its doors until April 1. Will's announced the return of Ye Olde Butcher Shoppe next season."

Also of note: Dr. and Mrs. Paul Tocchet welcomed a daughter, Laura Louise, on Dec. 11; vandals created $5,000 worth of damage to cabins in Syndicate Camp, the private resort on the Carmel River below Prince's Camp; Kim Cummings and Anne Papineau shared a vacation get-together slumber party with classmates followed by a hot dog cookout the next day.

Group meeting announcements for the week included the Padre Trails Camera Club, the Audubon Society, Carmel Valley Lions Club, the Fidelity Club and the Carmel Valley Women's Club.

Typical prices for food advertised in January 1970 were: potatoes, 20 pounds for 89 cents; frozen fruit pies, 39 cents; one pound of coffee, 71 cents; one dozen large grade AA eggs, 62 cents; fryers 31 cents a pound, and 49 cents for a 4-pound bag of apples. Tires were advertised at a price range of $20.75 to $27.20.

Among the theaters you could attend were the Tantamount in the Valley, where you could see "Casablanca." In Carmel two comedies were playing: "Cactus Flower" at the Studio Theater Restaurant and "Light Up the Sky" at the Circle.

But who can recall 1970 without remembering the Hippies and Rock music? Remember the flower-decorated live-in vans? The Carmel Valley Fire Department answered its first fire call in several weeks on New Year's Day. A mattress, apparently tossed from a hippie bus, was found smoldering on the Carmel Valley Road near the S.F.B. Morse Ranch About 5:55 p.m.

The Inquiring Reporter had a two-page spread on "Valley Residents Express Views on the Proposed Rock Festival." At question was a plan under discussion to hold an Outdoor Rock Festival for 200,000 to 300,000 people in Northern Monterey County. Among the responses given were comparisons to Woodstock and Altamont, and worries about traffic congestion and people control. Among the commentators were Mrs. Joan Baez, Sr., who said, "It's absolutely insane, but it's time young people had their chance at insanity...heaven knows what will happen, but maybe it will be good."

Some things don't change: in 1970, most S&L's were paying 5% to 5 1/4% annual interest, but then some things do change. For example, you can't go to the Mark Thomas Hearthstone anymore, to the Great Mont-Grove Craft Guild, or to the Aardvark Art Gallery.

You CAN have a Happy New Decade, and that is our wish to you from the Carmel Valley History Society.

Banks, Savings & Loans Aid Realtors' Candy Cane Drive

Nine Carmel area banks and savings and loan firms have joined with the Carmel Board of Realtors for the seventh year to sponsor the Christmas Candy Cane Project to help lonely seniors and battered women and children.

Last year, several hundred gifts were collected. Customers are asked to take a candy cane from the Christmas tree in their bank and buy the gift suggested by the tag on the cane. The gift is to be wrapped and left for pickup by members of the Board of Realtors Dec. 21.

Gifts for seniors are distributed at the annual Christmas dinner of the Carmel Foundation and to women and children who seek refuge in the YWCA Emergency Shelter for Battered Women and Their Children. Taking part in the drive are: Security Pacific Bank, Carmel; Pacific Western Bank, Carmel; Great Western Savings, Carmel and Carmel Rancho; Coast Savings, Carmel, Pebble Beach and Carmel Valley; First Interstate Bank, Carmel and Carmel Rancho.

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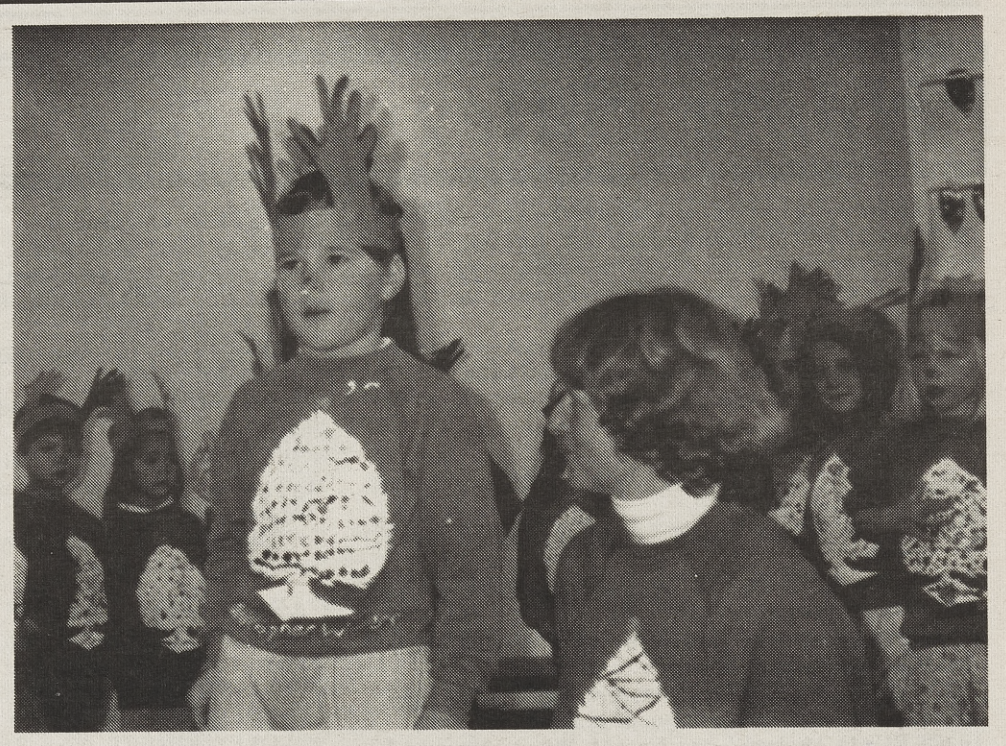

ANNOUNCING THE PROGRAM when Tularcitos Parent Co-Op Nursery School students entertained at Rippling River was Christopher Waddell. As teacher Sally Dietrich looked on, the students sang Christmas songs and passed out cookies to residents. Their headpieces were made from each child's hand print, and their sweatshirts were decorated with puff paints.

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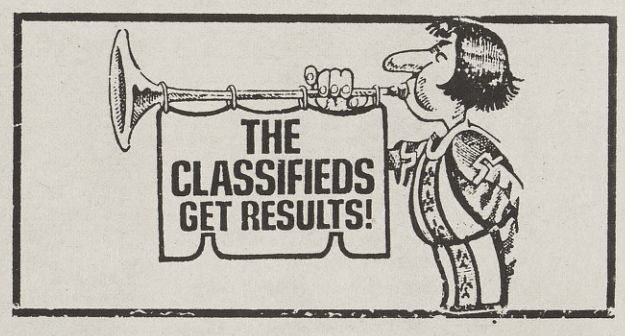

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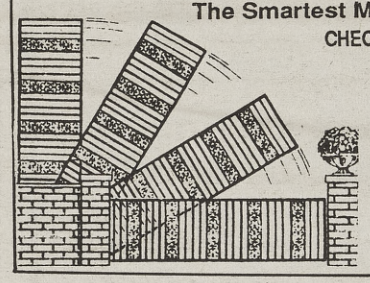

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Murphy Grading Case Going Nowhere Fast

Already moving at a snail's pace, Monterey County's bid to force an Arizona developer to restore miles of illegally graded roads on his coastal ranch will apparently slow even more.

That seems the only logical result of a ruling issued Dec. 9 by Superior Court Judge John Phillips. Saying John A. Murphy had not exhausted the administrative remedies available to him, Phillips said he did not have jurisdiction to rule on what kind of emergency erosion control work should be undertaken on the Little Horse Ranch.

Phillips nonetheless ruled that Murphy could proceed with work to stabilize the soil that was graded on the steep slopes, so long as it was not inconsistent with what the county is trying to force him to do in its lawsuit and through a Coastal Development Permit it is processing.

The case has been in the courts since 1988 when Murphy was cited for grading miles of roads on the 5,000 acre ranch overlooking Garrapata State Park without the required permits.

The dispute in the case before Phillips centered only on what sort of emergency erosion measures should be required—not the larger questions of whether civil penalties should be levied or whether Murphy should be forced to remove the roads and restore them.

Susan Dauphine, one of Murphy's lawyers, said she was pleased that the judge's order allowed Murphy to do the work he had sought to do. She said she did not know whether actual work had gotten underway yet.

She also expressed the hope that the legal dispute over the grading could be resolved to everyone's satisfaction fairly quickly.

But Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman did not foresee much likelihood of that.

"Unfortunately, it will take years to settle in court the damage that Mr. Murphy has caused," she told the *Sun*. "The heart of the case is the serious damage that has been done that should be restored. He should take the roads out of there and restore the land as much as he can."

She added she was concerned about the precedent it would set if Murphy were allowed to get away with what she called "the flagrant thumbing of the nose at the Coastal Act."

Supported by the Coastal Commission, the Fish & Game Department and the National Park Service, the county sought to have Murphy undertake extensive work which would lead to removal of the roads and the restoration of the graded areas under a heavily conditioned permit.

Murphy and his consultants argued that could cause more environmental damage than doing nothing. They told the judge that relatively simple measures to stabilize the roads were the most appropriate action at this time.

Critics of the county's handling of the case claim that Murphy simply wants to keep the roads in place to support development of the property in the future. The plan submitted on behalf of Murphy specifies installation of water bars, the spreading of straw mulch, the seeding of certain areas, the clearing of drainage channels, and the placement of straw bales to retard erosion into Wildcat Creek.

J. R. Ramos, senior deputy county counsel, apparently trying to put the best possible face on the ruling, said it was a victory for the county in that Phillips' order "recognized the primacy" of the permitting process.

He suggested the next legal step would be to go back before Phillips under a maneuver known as a noticed motion and ask him to order Murphy to follow the heavily conditioned erosion control permit signed in early November by Zoning Administrator Dale Ellis. But he acknowledged that step could take an additional 45 to 60 days.

"The judge has taken the first step in the right direction by recognizing the power of the permit," Ramos told the *Sun*. "The next step is to have the judge enforce it."

Morgan Taylor, deputy district attorney on the case, was not as sanguine as Ramos about the ruling. He also suggested that the county and state had other options to pursue, including an appeal and a motion for a rehearing.

Murphy testified at a hearing before Phillips in mid November that he graded or regraded old roads on his property after talking with California Division of Forestry officials about the need for better fire access roads.

He also said he had been in contact with at least some officials from the county for several months about the grading before the work was "red tagged" as being illegal without proper permits.

Sun's New Deadline

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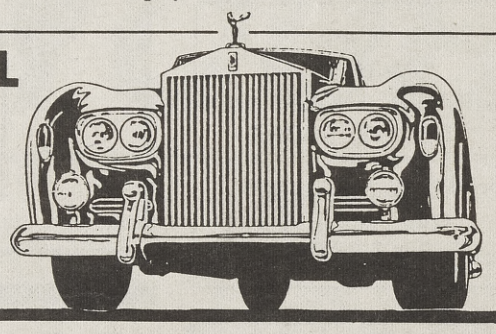

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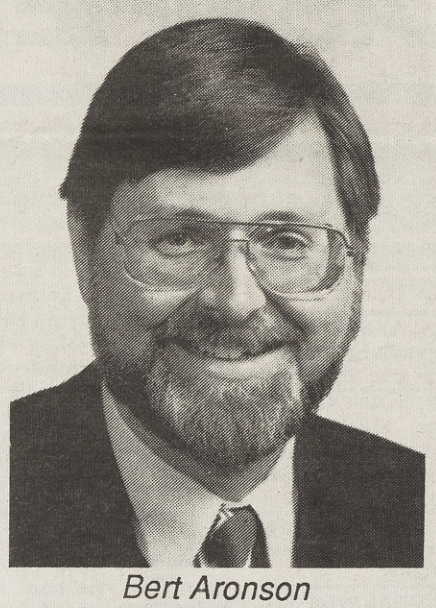

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